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PASS TO MRS. FOX, U.S. DELEGATION, IWC ANNUAL MEETING

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SUBJECT: JAPANESE AND SOVIET WHALING

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE WOULD LIKE TO USE THE OCCASION OF THE IWC MEETING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE WHALING INDUSTRIES OF JAPAN AND THE SOVIET UNION.

2. JAPANESE WHALING:

A) INFORMATION IS REQUESTED ON INDUSTRY GUIDANCE AND WELFARE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE GOJ TO DEAL WITH JAPANESE WHALING INDUSTRY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE LOST OR WILL LOSE
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THEIR JOBS DUE TO SMALLER CATCH QUOTAS.

B) AVAILABLE DETAILS OF THE NORTH PACIFIC WHALING EFFORT IN 1977, NAMES OF MOTHERSHIPS, NUMBER OF CREWMEN, NAMES OF CATCHER VESSELS, TONNAGES, AND ANY ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE INFORMATION WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. SIMILAR INFORMATION FOR LAND-BASED WHALING WOULD BE USEFUL.

C) INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF SOVIET-JAPANESE COOPERATIVE WHALING EFFORTS IS REQUESTED.

3. SOVIET WHALING:

A) INFORMATION IS NEEDED ON THE 1975/76 SOVIET WHALE CATCH BY SPECIES AND AREAS IF AVAILABLE, AND ON SOVIET SHORT- AND LONG-TERM PLANS FOR THE WHALING INDUSTRY IN THE AREAS OF INVESTMENT, CATCH, UTILIZATION, AND CONSUMPTION.

B) A BREAKDOWN OF SOVIET EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF WHALE PRODUCTS BY COUNTRY WOULD BE APPRECIATED, IF AVAILABLE.

C) AN INQUIRY AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF SOURCES, OTHER THAN FAO AND IWC PUBLICATIONS, WHICH CONTAIN STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE SOVIET OUTPUT OF WHALE PRODUCTS.

D) CURRENT INFORMATION ON THE SOVIET WHALING FLEET (NAMES OF MOTHERSHIPS, PRODUCTION CAPABILITY, NUMBER OF CATCHER VESSELS, CREWS, AREAS OF OPERATION).

E) SOVIET TOTAL FISHERIES CATCH IN 1976 (10.3 MILLION IN 1975) AND THE PLAN FOR 1977.

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F) THE IMPACT OF EXTENDED FISHERY JURISDICTION ON THE SOVIET HIGH-SEAS FLEET AND CATCH IN 1977 AND THE YEARS TO COME.

4. NMFS WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE IT, IF THE EMBASSY COULD OBTAIN AND POUCH 1 (ONE) COPY OF FISHEXPO '76 SEMINAR: REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, AVAILABLE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING SERVICE, TO MICHAEL BENEFIEL, F411, NOAA, NMFS, COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20235. VANCE

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